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Subject was born on 30 March 1874. From 14 April 1926 to 1 July 1928 Subject was the Rumanian Military Attaché in London. When he came back to Rumania, he became a member of the Military Household of the Royal Palace. At first he was the Chief of the Decorations Office of the Palace and later on he became an ADC of the late King FERDINAND I. He held this position for a very long time and even during the first world war. In 1930 Subject was discharged from the Army because of old age. On 15 October 1944 Subject was appointed Chief of the General Staff and he held this position till 6 December 1944 when he was appointed to form the new Cabinet. He was Prime Minister till 6 March 1945 when the present GROSU Government came into power.

It seems that Subject had certain relations with the MIRAIL STANESCU faction of the Legionnaire Party. During the ANTONESCU regime, he wrote a letter to KILLINGER and took it over personally, in which he was protesting against the German action in Rumania. Because of this letter KILLINGER intervened by the Rumanian Government and Subject was interned into a concentration camp. His dignified attitude from the national point of view as well as from the political point of view during the ANTONESCU regime, when he was Anti-German, and during the period after the armistice with the Allies of 23 August 1944 when he opposed the Russian intentions in Rumania, was quite a surprise for many people because he passed thru his career very much unknown. However, this attitude enabled him to gain the esteem of the largest part of the Rumanian population.

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